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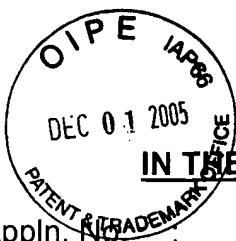
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Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Dear Sir:

The Examiner has required in the Office Action dated October 4, 2005, that pursuant to 35 USC §121, the subject application be restricted to one of the alleged three inventions of Group I (Claims 1-5), Group II (Claims 6-12) and Group III (Claims 13-22). Applicant elects, with traverse, Group III presently defined by Claims 13-22 and requests rejoinder of Group II as defined by Claims 6-12 upon allowance of one or more claims of appropriate scope. The Examiner rejects Claims 13-22 under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, Claims 13-16 and 20-22 under 35 USC §102(e), and Claims 17-18 under 35 USC §103(a). Applicant traverses these rejections and respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections.

Amendments to the Specification: Begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims: Begin on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: None

Remarks/Arguments: Begin on page 9 of this paper.